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SUBJECT: UGANDA: RENTAL OF US EMBASSY

REFS: (A) BONN 12164; (B) STATE 196672

1. THE FONOFF HAS PASSED US THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE FRG EMBASSY IN KAMPALA CONCERNING RENTAL OF A PORTION OF THE US EMBASSY.

BEGIN TEXT: 1. THE REFUSAL TO SUBLET THE AMERICAN CHANCELLERY TO THE EC DELEGATION BY STATE DEPARTMENT WAS PASSED ON. THE REFUSAL DECISION CAUSES GREAT DIFFICULTIES FOR THE EC DELEGATION. SUITABLE OFFICES ARE UNOBTAINABLE ELSEWHERE WITHIN A REASONABLE SPACE OF TIME. SINCE UNHINDERED WORK OF THE EC DELEGATION IS ALSO IN OUR INTEREST, THE EMBASSY ASKS THE STATE DEPARTMENT, THROUGH THE US EMBASSY BONN, TO BRING ABOUT A MODIFICATION OF THIS DECISION.

2. IT SHOULD BE POINTED OUT IN DISCUSSION, THAT THE REASON BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT FOR THE REFUSAL -- THAT THE ROOMS WOULD LOSE DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY BY BEING SUBLET -- WOULD NOT OCCUR. THE EC DELEGATION, ACCORDING TO THE LOME CONVENTION, HAS THE BENEFIT OF THE SAME DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES AS OTHER REPRESENTATIONS. THIS HOLDS ALSO FOR ITS RENTED ROOMS. IT SHOULD ALSO BE BROUGHT OUT THAT SECURITY CONDITIONS

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OF OUR EMBASSY WILL BE IMPROVED BY RENTING THE ROOMS ABO

ABOVE TO A FRIENDLY DELEGATION. A PART OF THE CURRENT ADMINISTRATIVE WORK -- CONTROL AND MAINTENANCE OF THE ROOMS -- WOULD BE AVOIDED. ONE MAY ALSO BE REMINDED THAT' CONSIDERING THE SURPLUS WORK OF THE EMBASSY ORIGINATING FROM IT BEING THE PROTECTIVE POWER, THE AMERICAN SIDE COULD BE WILLING TO COOPERATE IN THE QUESTION OF SUBLETTING. END TEXT

2. COMMENT: THE FONOFF ASSOCIATED ITSELF WITH VIEWS OF FRG EMBASSY, KAMPALA WHEN IT PASSED THIS MESSAGE TO US. WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE POINTS RAISED BY THE FRG EMBASSY MET TO ITS SATISFACTION IF POSSIBLE IN VIEW OF THE SERVICES THE EMBASSY HAS PERFORMED FOR US IN KAMPALA, AND, THEREFORE, REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT TAKE THEM INTO CONSIDERATION WHEN IT REVIEWS THE QUESTION OF RENTAL TO THE EC DELEGATION.
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